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NDDOT's "Crossing the Water: An Oral History of Four Bears Bridge" named to Notable Government Documents list

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is pleased to announce "Crossing the Water: An Oral History of Four Bears Bridge" has been named to the list of Notable Government Documents for 2011. "Crossing the Water" is a DVD set produced by the NDDOT that uses historic photographs and video footage to illustrate the storied past of the three bridges that have been called "Four Bears."

The North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) nominated "Crossing the Water" for the Notable Documents ballot at its annual conference in 2011. This program recognizes North Dakota state agency documents of exceptional quality and usefulness. The top three vote-getters from each NDLA conference are then forwarded to an American Library Association (ALA) committee for potential national recognition. The ALA then selects what it considers to be the most notable Government documents published by Federal, state, and local governments and publishes the list in the prestigious "Library Journal."

"The NDDOT enjoyed working with tribal representatives throughout this project; the joint effort made for a successful final product," said Terry Wiklund, NDDOT Multi-Media Manager in the Communication Division. "Thank you and congratulations to everyone who helped preserve a vital part of North Dakota's transportation history through this project."

All three NDLA submissions in 2011 were selected by the national committee, which was equaled by only Virginia in the State and Local Documents category. Joining "Crossing the Water" in representing North Dakota on the list are North Dakota Parks and Recreation's "North Dakota Trail Guide" and the North Dakota Council of the Arts' "Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains."

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